

Missouri State Recycling Program Annual Awards

Each year the State Recycling Program accepts nominations for the Annual Recycling Award. Employees, departments, or agencies are eligible to be nominated for outstanding contributions made in the areas of recycling collection, waste reduction, and/or recycled content procurement. Members of the Missouri Interagency Recycling Committee review the nominations and then vote for an individual and/or an agency.

Awards are made based on accomplishments in the areas of recycling collection, waste reduction, and/or procurement of recycled-content products. The State Recycling Program encourages nominators to submit information that demonstrates the *value* of the nominee's recycling efforts. *Value* could include costs avoided, revenue generated, ongoing leadership/commitment/passion/enthusiasm, environmental benefits, etc.

Individual Award: Leland Miller, Department of Corrections, South Central Correctional Center

The person that submitted the nomination for Mr. Miller said, "Mr. Miller has been a leader in institutional recycling. Through his efforts, SCCC has the lowest ratio of cost per offender in terms of disposal expenses of all MDOC institutions. Mr. Miller has also expanded recycling efforts into the local rural communities and actively promotes recycling at every opportunity. Mr. Miller's leadership sets the best example for state employees to emulate and his program is the best of all state agencies."

Agency Award: Missouri State Highway Patrol—Budget and Procurement

For the past several years staff at the MSHP warehouse have been making recycling simple and convenient for Highway Patrol employees throughout Missouri. Approximately three years ago an MSHP inquiry regarding recycling of rechargeable batteries led to a statewide solution for all state agencies.

The warehouse has developed a system where supplies are not only distributed statewide from a central location in Jefferson City, but also many items in the waste stream are returned to the warehouse to be recycled. MSHP Troops located throughout Missouri have the option to recycle office paper, cardboard, rechargeable batteries, ink jet cartridges, toner cartridges, and scrap metal. The MSHP realized that many of their supply trucks were returning to Jefferson City empty and it made sense to offer recycling services to Troops located in areas of the state where recycling services may not be accessible.

In FY06 the MSHP further demonstrated its commitment to recycling by purchasing a cardboard baler.